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**UTILITY  
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Attorney Docket No.

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First Inventor or Application Identifier

David Thomas, et al.

Title

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING RESOURCES

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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

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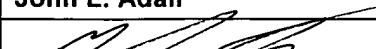
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1403	280	2403	140	Request for oral hearing	
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1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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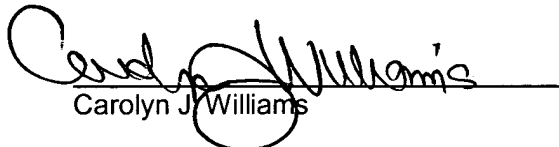
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